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SUBJECT: BURMA: DEATH OF POLITICAL PRISONER TIN TIN HTWAY

Classified By: P/E Officer Adam Murray for Reasons 1.4 (b) & (d)

[¶1.](#) (C) Post has confirmed news reports that 38 year-old female political prisoner Tin Tin Htway (alt. spelling Htwe) died of a brain aneurysm on Wednesday, December 23. According to members of her family, she suffered from heart disease and hypertension. Tin Tin Htway, a former member of the National League for Democracy, was arrested in September 2007 for her involvement in the monk-led protests. She was sentenced in November 2007 to a term of three years and three months with hard labor.

[¶2.](#) (C) Tin Tin Htway's family reports that she was denied medical treatment at the beginning of her incarceration, but was transferred to a hospital outside the prison compound before her death. According to the Thailand-based Assistance Association for Political Prisoners-Burma (AAPP), this is the third death of a political prisoner in custody in 2009.
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